

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A method of recovering factor VIII/vWF-complex, characterized in that factor VIII/vWF-complex from a protein solution is bound to a cation exchanger and is recovered by step-wise elution of factor VIII/vWF-complex, which particularly contains high-molecular vWF-multimers.

2-16. (canceled)

17. (new) Factor VIII:C, substantially free from platelet agglutinating vWF activity, obtainable from a factor VIII/vWF-containing solution by cation exchange chromatography and step-wise elution at a salt concentration of between  $\geq 200\text{mM}$  and  $\leq 300\text{mM}$ .

18. (new) A preparation comprising factor VIII:C as set forth in claim 17, wherein said preparation is virus safe and free from infectious material.

19. (new) A preparation as set forth in claim 18, wherein said preparation is present in storage-stable form.

20. (new) A preparation as set forth in claim 18, wherein said preparation is formulated as a pharmaceutical preparation.

21. (new) A method of treating patients suffering from at least one of hemophilia A, phenotypic hemophilia and vWD, comprising administering to said patients an effective dose of a factor VIII/vWF-complex having specific vWF activity of at least 66 U/mg protein and a specific factor VIII activity of at least 500 U/mg protein, wherein said factor VIII/vWF-complex is virus safe and free from infectious material.

22. (new) A method of treating patients suffering from at least one of hemophilia A, phenotypic hemophilia and vWF, comprising administering to said patients an effective dose of a factor VIII:C obtainable from a factor VIII/vWF-containing solution by cation exchange chromatography and step-wise elution at a salt concentration of between  $\geq 200\text{mM}$  and  $\leq 300\text{mM}$ , wherein said factor VIII:C is virus safe and free from infectious material.